GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS
KANTILAL BHURIA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some amount is still remaining with the Government of India, out of the total compensation amount said by Union Carbide;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose for which the amount has been kept;

(d) whether the said amount would be provided for the programmes being implemented for the welfare of gas victims by the Madhya Pradesh Government;

(e) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted proposalsamounting to Rs.1755 crore for approval to the Government of India; and

(f) if so, the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (f): According to information given by the Reserve Bank of India, a sum ofRs.475.76 crore is the balance in dollar component as on 23.5.2002. The State Government has submitted a number of proposals amounting to Rs.1755 crore with the request that it could be funded from the unspent money lying with Reserve Bank of India. According to Supreme Court directions, the moneyreceived from the Union Carbide is earmarked for paying compensation to the Bhopal Gas victims. All the compensation claims have not yet been decided. In some of the proposals, the State Government has been advised to take up the matter with the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.